

House Resolution No. 443

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, forty years ago on February 23, 1963, Donald Lee Branson took the hand of his beautiful bride, Louise Ann Meisel, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in Fulton, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Donald and Louise Branson of Holts Summit have had the pleasure of raising four children, Cheri Wilson, William Branson, Michael Branson, and Jeanne Jones, and the privilege of spoiling ten grandchildren and one great-grandson; and

Whereas, Donald and Louise Branson have always given selflessly of themselves in offering love, emotional support, guidance, and understanding to their children and grandchildren; and

Whereas, now retired, Donald Branson is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors in the Shipping Department at Von Hoffman Press; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Louise Branson has further distinguished herself as a CMA at Heisinger Retirement Home; and

Whereas, members of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Donald and Louise Branson have continually relied upon their faith in finding the strength to overcome adversity and to accept change as a natural phenomenon of growth and progress; and

Whereas, God surely blessed the world with the wonderful union of Donald and Louise Branson whose loving kindness, considerable patience, and remarkable resilience have enabled them to make the best of every situation, from which they have derived a great deal of love and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Donald and Louise Branson for their tremendous success in achieving forty years of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee Branson.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 443, adopted February 19, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker